

JACOB): (a) to (c). Delhi Administration has advised that they have not given any assurance to Kashmiri migrants in the matter of rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants in Delhi.

[*Translation*]

### SAARC Summit in Sri Lanka

5032. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SAARC Summit is proposed to be held in Sri Lanka by the end of this year;

(b) if so, the issues proposed to be raised by the Government therein;

(c) the details of the discussions initiated by the Government with other member countries in this regard;

(d) the number of Indian representatives going to participate in the SAARC Programme Committee meeting and the names of the like minded member countries participating therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government so far to promote the regional co-operation through the SAARC?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The agenda for SAARC meetings is fixed by unanimous agreement of all Member States and not by any particular member. The agenda covers all the subjects dealt with by the Technical Committees and SAARC Expert Groups/Committees set up outside the framework of the Technical Committees. Discussions with member countries take place in the meet-

ings of the Technical Committees, Standing Committee and Council of Minister.

(d) The number of Indian representatives who will participate in the SAARC Programming Committee meeting is not yet decided. All SAARC Member States are expected to participate in this meeting.

(e) India as a member of SAARC, has from time to time suggested initiatives to promote regional cooperation through SAARC. These are reflected in the SAARC Calendar of Activities and in other projects and programmes implemented under the aegis of SAARC.

[*English*]

### Autonomous State in Assam

5033. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand in the two hill districts of Assam—Karbianglong and North Cachar Hills for the creation of an autonomous State within the State of Assam under Article 244(A) of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Assam have been advised to hold discussions with the representatives of the Hills Tribals and find mutually acceptable solution to their genuine grievances.